

tected in this ; you must not start a saloon in the immediate vicinity where there is already one doing business. And thus it is that the country over liquor is sold at a profit of 300 per cent. ; no matter what kind of "stuff" one may sell, the worse the better for the saloon keeper, for the object seems to be to make men drunk. It is high time that the Christian church awakens to a sense of its responsibility and unites its efforts in "pulverizing the rum traffic."

THE NEW FOURTH OF JULY.

We gladly welcome the new Fourth of July, not a new day to be celebrated, but the same old Fourth celebrated in a new spirit. The National Christian Citizenship League addresses the following circular letter to all ministers and Christian patriots. The object of this organization is a worthy one and deserves the attention and support of all Christian workers :

The National Christian Citizenship League again calls upon all ministers for Christian Citizenship sermons on July Fourth, and upon all who love our country to unite in observing Saturday, July 3, with rousing celebrations on definite Christian Citizenship lines.

In issuing this its fourth call for such sermons and celebrations, the League acknowledges with devout gratitude the widespread response to its previous calls and the quickening of the public conscience resulting therefrom. A great work of education, however, remains to be done. We must learn that "righteousness exalteth a nation," that "sin is a reproach to any people," that if we persist in our national sins, we, too, shall be numbered with "the nations which forget God," and that the principles of applied Christianity are the only and final cure for the public ills which afflict us. These truths must be taught and the people must be stimulated to action in making them vital forces in civic life. No time is so well suited for this work as the days indicated above.

We therefore call upon all Ministers, Presidents of Young People's organizations, Sunday-school Superintendents, W. C. T. U.'s, and upon Christian men and women generally, to unite in a grand demonstration covering these two days. Free literature will be sent to all requesting it, containing, in addition to much general matter, definite suggestions, as follows :

1. Suggested program for celebration July 3, by Gen. C. H. Howard, Hon. Elijah A. Morse and Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D.

2. Suggestive outlines and messages for sermons and addresses, by Bishop John P. Newman, Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D., John G. Woolley, Prof. Chas. R. Henderson, Dr. Carlos Martyn, Ex-Gov. L. C. Hughes, Bishop Samuel Fallows, Archbishop John Ireland, Josiah Strong, D. D., and others of equal note.

All Ministers and other leaders are invited to send at once for literature and to arrange for a new consecration of our National Holiday which shall create a new patriotism founded upon the sublime principles of Christianity.

Address
The National Christian Citizenship League,
153 La Salle St., Chicago.

THESE THREE.

There are three things of special interest to the pastor who has the cause of the Master at heart. These are : First, what is the spiritual condition of the congregation over which the Holy Ghost has made you an overseer? Are the members growing spiritually? Do they regularly attend the house of God and wait upon the Lord in holy worship on the Sabbath day? Remember that it is not all of your duty to get people into the church. It is very important that they should be tenderly cared for, that they wait regularly upon the means of grace which God has provided for their spiritual growth and development. Second, does your church earnestly support all the various enterprises and institutions of the church? It is very important that the pastor should educate his people to support systematically and liberally the institutions and interests of the church whose fellowship and communion they enjoy. They should be taught to manifest the same zeal in these enterprises as they do in the interests of the local congregation in which they hold their membership. Any other attitude than this is an attitude of selfishness. Third, do your people earnestly pray and labor that God may enlarge their field of usefulness and make them instrumental in his hands for the more rapid spread of his blessed Gospel? The church that lives, moves and has its being within a prescribed circle beyond which it will not go, will not very long live, move and have a being. The very life of the church depends upon what that church does outside of its own local interest. Teach your people to reach out and enlarge the borders of Zion, to join in the great movement to bring the world to Christ.

Christ, the Spirit, is with us, and He is with us to-day. But are we in harmony with that Spirit? What we need to-day is contemplation, pious meditation. If we could take a morning hour and an evening hour, and devote it to communion with God, did it ever occur to you what wonderful Christians we might be? The need of the day is that the pew and pulpit should have more time for contemplation.
—*Congregationalist.*

Whoever can turn his weeping eyes to heaven has lost nothing ; for there above is everything he can wish for here below. He only is a loser who persists in looking down on the narrow plains of the present time.

Personal Mention.

One accession at Dunlaps, Ind., Brother Hubbard, pastor.

Brother Summers reports five more accessions by baptism in his regular pastorate.

Brother C. Forney reports three accessions near Portis, Kans., as the result of a meeting held a few weeks ago.

Brother Chas. Steele reports twelve accessions by baptism at Teegarden, Ind., Brother Stoneburner, pastor.

Brother Z. H. Copp keeps up a constant revival spirit among his people. Three more accessions since last report.

On his return from Goshen, May 18, Brother Bashor preached a sermon in the church at Milledgeville, Ill., where he was formerly pastor.

Sister Grossnickle, the National President of the S. S. C. E., and Sister Keim, the National Treasurer, give full reports of their work in this issue of the paper.

Brother W. A. Harmon is engaged in revival work in the Altoona church. Thus far eight have made the good confession and the work is moving along nicely, with good prospects for more.

In this issue will be found a report of the Washington Mission since its organization, by Brother Lyon. The work is moving along as nicely as can be expected. Brother Lyon is an earnest laborer and is doing a good work. The mission should have, and we trust it has the support of the whole church.

We heartily thank our many friends for letters of encouragement received at this office, expressing their appreciation of the paper in its present form. The latest are from Brethren Ditch and Lyon. Again we say, thanks, brethren. It is not only a satisfaction, but it helps us to know that our efforts to give the church a first class paper are appreciated.

Brother W. D. Furry took charge of the work in South Bend, Ind., on May 1, and everything is moving along nicely. Brother Furry is not only an earnest worker, but a systematic worker as well. He believes in an abundant use of printer's ink. Lately he has issued a card, neatly printed on both sides, which he finds quite helpful in his labors. In a future issue we will note the contents of this card for the benefit of others who may wish to adopt this method of work.

For future issues of the paper we have on hand, "Practical Christianity," W. L. Ditch ; "A Higher Degree of Spirituality," J. O. Talley ; "The Joys of the Christian Life," Thomas Gibson ; "Covetousness," W. A. Welty ; "The Idols we are most likely to Worship," Pearl Leonard ; "Why some People go to Church," Ellen Gnagay ; "Hindrances to Higher Attainments in the Spiritual Life," Jacob C. Cassel. Other articles have been solicited, and we hope to be able to give our readers rich treats each week.

Only believe ! Believe that all that God sees to be really for our good he gives us, and that all that he gives us is for our real good.

Jesus Christ was the only one who perfectly finished the work God gave him to do.